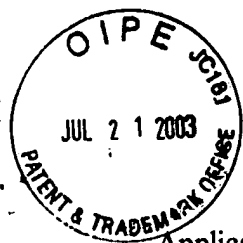


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Applicant requests that the Examiner consider references which have come to Applicant's attention based on the citations in the corresponding Japanese Application.

- Published Unexamined Japanese Patent Application No. Hei 10-15699 dated January 20, 1998. This document shows the features in that there are only one slider 4 and only one drive means 2.

- Published Unexamined Japanese Patent Application No. Hei 11-221700 dated August 17, 1999. This document shows the features in that there are only one slider 4 and only one drive means 16, the drive means 16 exchangeably drive the slider in high speed and low speed.


- Published Unexamined Japanese Patent Application No. Sho 58-163617 dated September 28, 1983. This document shows the features in that there are only one slider 2 and two drive means. That is, one drive means 3 works for driving the slider 2 up and down and

the other drive means 4 works for pressing.

Therefore, none of the cited references show the feature having only one position sensor (72), two sliders (64, 65) and two drive means (66, 67).

Consideration of the above references is respectfully requested.

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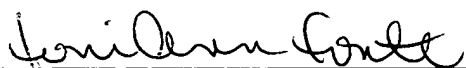
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